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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Joint Chiefs of Staff War Room

1. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have directed the Joint Intelligence Group to establish, upon the initiation or imminence of hostilities, a Joint Chiefs of Staff War Room to assist the Joint Chiefs of Staff in their strategic direction of the war effort and that the maximum amount of preliminary actions be accomplished prior to any actual emergency.
2. For the time being it is considered impracticable to submit specific detailed requests for current information and sources or transmitters of the material to be presented in the JCS War Room; however, all agencies concerned should be aware of their possible future responsibilities, and they should take such preliminary action as may be possible and practicable to provide for the preparation and direct transmission of such current information and intelligence as may be needed in the JCS War Room.
3. Since the Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of State will be primary sources for some of this current information and intelligence, it is requested that you bear this possible contingency in mind and that you make such preliminary plans or arrangements as may be practicable. It is believed that such plans and arrangements should be premised on the assumption that intelligence material from the State Department will reach the JCS War Room via the Central Intelligence Agency.
4. This memorandum supersedes DDM-122, dated 9 March 1949.

"SIGNED"

EDWIN T. LAYTON
Rear Admiral, USN
Deputy Director for Intelligence
The Joint Staff

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